

STOP THE INVASION- REPORT THIS PEST

Ivy Gourd

Maui County Priority Pest for Maui, Lanai, and Molokai:

Ivy gourd (*Coccinia grandis*)

is an aggressive perennial vine of the cucumber family that grows several meters long. It can smother trees and grow over objects forming a dense canopy. This weed has been found on Maui in residential areas.

Identification

Flower- white, star shaped with 5 petals

Fruit- bright red, 2.5-8 cm (1-3 in) long

Leaves- alternate growth pattern, variably shaped (sometimes deeply lobed); 3-8 glands that look like dots found at base of leaf

Stem and leaves- are mostly smooth (without hair)



Ivy gourd flower, fruit, and vine



Ivy gourd leaves and tendrils



Vines will grow over power lines

Don't mistake ivy gourd for these look-alikes:



Bitter melon (*Momordica charantia*):

fast growing vine in the cucumber family that is widespread in Maui County

Flower- yellow

Fruit- yellow to orange at maturity, prickly

Leaves- alternate growth pattern, deeply lobed shape

Stems and leaves- are often covered in hairs



A'nunu (*Sicyos* species):

The native Hawaiian vines of the cucumber family are found sparsely across Maui and Molokai and include some endangered species. Leaf shape and flower color are variable but the flowers are always smaller than ivy gourd. A'nunu do not have the glands that look like dots at the base of each leaf.

A'nunu (*Sicyos pachycarpus*)
from Kaupo, Maui

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